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## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-8 (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) ~~A network as in claim 7 wherein said cross-connect switch comprises:~~ A telephone network comprising:

a local exchange carrier originating switch;

a competitive local exchange carrier ported switch; and

a cross-connect switch coupled between said local exchange carrier originating switch and a main distribution frame forming a first communication channel, the cross-connect switch further coupled between the competitive local exchange carrier ported switch and the main distribution frame forming a second communication channel, the cross-connect switch adapted to deactivate the first communication channel and to activate the second communication channel in response to a remote activation signal, wherein the cross-connect switch comprises:

an originating dial tone (ODT) port for receiving a first line from said local exchange carrier originating switch associated with a subscriber's directory number;

a ported dial tone (PDT) port for receiving a second line from said competitive local exchange carrier ported switch associated with said subscriber's directory number;

a main distribution frame (MDF) port for connecting said cross-connect switch to a MDF associated with said local exchange carrier originating switch and with said competitive local exchange carrier ported switch;

an electronic switch for connecting said ODT port and said PDT port to said MDF port; and

a controller in operative communication with said electronic switch, said ODT port, said PDT port, and said MDF port, said controller receiving a trigger signal and, in response thereto, establishing a communication channel

between said PDT port and said MDF port and ~~closing~~ deactivating a communication channel between said ODT port and said MDF port.

10. (Currently amended) The ~~cross-connect switch~~ telephone network of claim 9 wherein said ODT port, ~~said PDT port, and said MDF port comprise~~ comprises a an ODT tip port portion and a an ODT ring port portion.

11. (Currently amended) The ~~cross-connect switch~~ telephone network of claim 9 wherein said trigger signal is a mechanized loop testing tracking tone.

12. (Currently amended) The ~~cross-connect switch~~ telephone network of claim 9 ~~further comprising wherein the cross-connect switch comprises~~ a first operator indicator and wherein said controller is programmed to activate said first operator indicator when said ODT port is in operative communication with said MDF port.

13. (Currently amended) The ~~cross-connect switch~~ telephone network of claim 12 ~~further comprising wherein the cross-connect switch comprises~~ a second operator indicator and wherein said controller is programmed to activate said second operator indicator when said PDT port is in operative communication with said MDF port.

Claims 14-20 (Canceled)

21. (New) The telephone network of claim 9, wherein the PDT port comprises a PDT tip portion and a PDT ring portion.

22. (New) The telephone network of claim 9, wherein the MDF port comprises a MDF tip portion and a MDF ring portion.

23. (New) The telephone network of claim 9, wherein the electronic switch is connected with the ODT port, the PDT port, and the MDF port, such that a default connection includes a closed loop from the ODT port to the MDF port and an open loop from the PDT port to the MDF port.

24. (New) The telephone network of claim 9, wherein the controller and a first light-emitting diode (LED) are line powered via the ODT port prior to the controller receiving the trigger signal, and wherein the controller and a second LED are line powered via the PDT port after the controller receives the trigger signal.

25. (New) The telephone network of claim 9, wherein the cross-connect switch includes a power supply to supply power to the controller and the electronic switch from an ODT side of the cross-connect switch prior to the controller receiving the trigger signal, and to supply power to the controller and the electronic switch from a PDT side of the cross-connect switch after the controller receives the trigger signal.

26. The telephone network of claim 9, wherein the cross-connect switch includes a reset switch and wherein the power supply drives the electronic switch to activate the first communication channel and to deactivate the second communication channel in response to a selection of the reset switch.

27. (New) The telephone network of claim 9, wherein the trigger signal is sent via the first communication channel.

28. (New) The telephone network of claim 9, wherein the trigger signal is sent via the second communication channel.